

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 1, 2003

Present: Corey, Johnson, Lantis, Mehigh, Runyan, Sanderson, Wagner.

Absent: None.

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Bill Striggow; Judy Horton; Sgt. Kevin Clark, Police Department; Bill Washburn; Pat Yott; Millie Taute; Shirley Sanderson; Keith and Diane Johnson; Bob Morehouse; Helen Granger, The Independent; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Corey at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to approve the previous regular meeting minutes dated November 17, 2003 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Lantis, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item No. 12) Consider Heating Tubes for South Bay of DPW Building.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Lantis, Runyan, Mehigh, Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented. Mayor Corey updated council on his meeting with John Smith regarding the Beckwith Drain cleanup and advised the school district had every intent on paying for the drain cleanup but was just waiting for the bill. Mayor Corey stated he told Mr. Smith great and handed Mr. Smith the bill and was told the school district would reimburse the city for this bill.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Wagner, Lantis, Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Bill Striggow stated he talked to an acquaintance, who is a road builder, about the new street for the school bus garage and was told the base of a road is the most important part of the road construction and curb and gutter is a choice but not necessary if the city does not want to go that way. There should be at least a foot of sand, six to eight inches of gravel, six to eight inches of asphalt and four to six feet of shoulder

for a thirty-foot road. He further stated he does not want to see the city get sucked into a cud hole. Mayor Corey thanked Mr. Striggow for his information and advised the city checked into the situation further after the last meeting and found that the information Mr. Striggow provided was pretty close to what he had previously stated. He asked Mr. Crawford what the numbers were. Mr. Crawford advised there would be 12 inches of sand, eight inches of gravel and five inches of asphalt. Mr. Striggow asked what kind of soil is under the street. Mr. Sawyer advised soil borings would have to be done to determine what type of soil is there. Mr. Striggow stated he hopes someone will look because he does not want to see the city have to patch the new street a week after the street opens.

Keith Johnson stated there is a situation in Crestview that was created quite a long time ago. When the new part of the subdivision was added, the developer was allowed to put in a ditch to carry water and a tube was put under the road to drain the water that goes nowhere. He further stated he thought the golf course has plugged the tube off because the water drained on the golf course. The situation was brought to the governing body's attention that there was a ditch and a tube under the road that goes nowhere, which causes the water to just lay there as it has done for several years. He also stated this is not a city problem that the city should have to fix the problem because this is the developer's problem. Something should be done to make the developer make the problem right.

Councilperson Mehigh stated he and Councilperson Sanderson and Rick Croteau talked to Lonny Latunski about using the road commission building as an alternate place to store the ambulance during the bridge construction. The new road was brought up and Mr. Latunski advised the new road would be built as a major industrial type of road, and soil samples would be done.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL TOMLINSON TO THE CORUNNA PARKS &

RECREATION COMMISSION: Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to appoint Daniel Tomlinson to the Corunna Parks and Recreation Commission to serve at the pleasure of the council for a term to begin upon the taking of the oath of office and continuing indefinitely.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson, Lantis, Wagner, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF TODD BREWER TO THE CORUNNA PARKS &

RECREATION COMMISSION: Wagner moved, Sanderson seconded to appoint Todd Brewer to the Corunna Parks and Recreation Commission to serve at the pleasure of the council for a term to begin upon the taking of the oath of office and continuing indefinitely.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehigh, Lantis, Runyan, Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT SHERWOOD TO THE CORUNNA ZONING

BOARD OF APPEALS: Lantis moved, Mehigh seconded to appoint Robert Sherwood to the Corunna Zoning Board of Appeals to serve at the pleasure of the council for a term to begin upon the taking of the oath of office and continuing indefinitely.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner, Mehigh, Runyan, Lantis.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT GILMAN TO THE CORUNNA PLANNING

COMMISSION: Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to re-appoint Robert Gilman to the Corunna Planning Commission to serve at the pleasure of the council for a term to begin upon the reaffirmation of the oath of office and continuing until December 31, 2006 or until a successor is appointed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Lantis, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF MILLIE SCHULTZ TO THE CORUNNA BOARD OF

REVIEW: Lantis moved, Sanderson seconded to re-appoint Millie Schultz to the Corunna Board of Review to serve at the pleasure of the council for a term to begin upon the reaffirmation of the oath of office and continuing until December 31, 2006 or until a successor is appointed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Lantis, Runyan, Mehigh, Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES HEGG TO THE CORUNNA PLANNING

COMMISSION: Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to re-appoint Charles Hegg to the Corunna Planning Commission to serve at the pleasure of the council for a term to begin upon the reaffirmation of the oath of office and continuing until December 31, 2006 or until a successor is appointed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Wagner, Lantis, Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF DON OLMSTED TO THE CORUNNA BUILDING

COMMISSION: Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to re-appoint Don Olmsted to the Corunna Building Commission to serve at the pleasure of the council for a term to begin upon the reaffirmation of the oath of office and continuing until December 31, 2008 or until a successor is appointed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson, Lantis, Wagner, Runyan.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF PAM MALASKA TO THE CORUNNA LIBRARY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to re-appoint Pam Malaska to the Corunna Library Board of Directors to serve at the pleasure of the council for a term to begin upon the reaffirmation of the oath of office and continuing until December 31, 2008 or until a successor is appointed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehigh, Lantis, Runyan, Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF LASER PRINTER: Mr. Sawyer advised the printer was originally cut from the budget because it was the city's intent to try to get by another year with the existing dot matrix printer that does all of the city's payable and payroll checks. The city has just undergone the program upgrade because the city can no longer get any service for the old program. He further advised during this process, it was discovered that the new updated version of Fundbalance requires a laser printer and laser checks in order to implement the new system. The final monies will be transferred from Fifth Third to Chemical Bank because the city is paying quite a bit in bank fees until this new system is up and running. He also advised the bank fees would cost the city more than what a new printer would cost if the city does not change its accounts. Mehigh moved, Wagner seconded to approve the purchase of a HP Laserjet 4200 printer in an amount not to exceed \$999.96 to be paid for from the City Clerk Capital Acquisition line item #101-215-977.000. Councilperson Sanderson asked what would be done with the microwave. Mr. Sawyer advised the existing microwave would be donated to the ambulance service for use at the temporary building. Councilperson Lantis stated sometimes a company will give a school or government a better deal if the company is called. She asked if the city looked into this or just ordered from a catalog. Mr. Sawyer advised he would have someone call the company to see if the city can save a little bit more before the order is placed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner, Mehigh, Runyan, Lantis.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF STEPHEN FIGG FROM THE CORUNNA DOWNTOWN

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to accept the resignation of Steve Figg from the Corunna Downtown Development Authority effective December 31, 2003 with regret.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Lantis, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER WAIVER OF BUILDING/TRADE PERMIT FEES FOR THE COUNTY OF

SHIAWASSEE: Mr. Sawyer explained the reasoning behind the waiving of fees to the county. The county will be coming to the planning commission about the proposed parking that will occur once the house next to the jail is removed. He further explained the county is asking the city council to consider the waiver of any fees associated with the house demolition and parking. In the past, there has been an arraignment with the county where the city waived the county building permit fees and the county waived the plumbing, electrical and mechanical fees for the city, but now that the city does its own trade inspections there is not necessarily anything to trade anymore. He also explained he thought it would be best to bring the situation to the council for some consideration and asked if there was anything the city might need from the county that would constitute a trade because he did not see waiving the fees without something to exchange.

Councilperson Mehigh stated the county allows the city to use their cherry picker and other equipment. Mayor Corey asked what the approximate amount of fees that would be waived. Mr. Sawyer advised it would depend on the project. Councilperson Johnson asked what the space would be used for after the house is demolished. Mr. Sawyer advised the proposal is to develop additional parking. Councilperson Johnson asked if the parking would be for their use. Mr. Sawyer advised this was something that could be negotiated. Mayor Corey stated he hopes an appropriate green barrier would be placed between the property and the house next door. Councilperson Sanderson asked if the fees could be done project by project. Mr. Sawyer advised absolutely. Councilperson Mehigh asked if it would be advantageous to talk to the county to get more information before council takes any action. Mr. Sawyer advised the fees for this project would be approximately \$45, but the fees for future projects could be substantial. Mayor Corey stated the purpose tonight was not to make a motion but for council to think about the situation and to bring other questions back to council for discussion. Mr. Sawyer stated another option in addition to adding the with prejudice language and taking the request case by case, the council could ask the county to pay the trade inspection costs but council should be careful not to set precedence for future county projects.

CONSIDER HEATING TUBES FOR SOUTH BAY OF DPW BUILDING: Mr. Sawyer stated

as part of the shuffle during the eight month bridge project, there was discussion about getting some heat in some of the back bays of the DPW building so there is adequate heat and storage north of the river. At one point, it was proposed to remove one of the hanging units from the commercial building and transfer the unit to the DPW building and return the unit back to the commercial building once the construction is finished. He further stated Brian Johnson, who works for Maurer Heating, has stepped forward and is willing to install the heating tubes in-house with the city paying for the cost of materials. These heating tubes will be permanent and the cost of the heating tube materials is \$3,408. Mr. Sawyer also stated it was his recommendation to proceed in this manner by doing a permanent improvement because of the cost the city will spend to remove and

install the heating unit from the commercial building. Mayor Corey asked where the money would come from. Mr. Sawyer advised from the Motor Pool Fund 661-907-977.000. Mayor Corey asked if the fund was budgetary okay. Mr. Sawyer advised yes. Councilperson Sanderson asked if this job would be started right away. Mr. Sawyer advised yes. Mehig moved, Wagner seconded to authorize Tim Crawford to install a radiant heat tube in-house to the south bay of the DPW building in the amount of \$3,408 to be paid for from the Motor Pool Fund line item 661-902-977.000.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Lantis, Mehig.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Bill Striggow stated many years ago the city sold the county a piece of property on the corner of Norton Street & Lyons Road for \$1.00. He asked the city council to research the abstract to see if there was a clause put in stating if the county sells any of the property off then the property reverts back to the city. Mr. Sawyer advised he would research this item again but he believed this was researched in the past because the city had an easement issue with the county once and the county wanted money. He further advised when the city had to do some test wells at the site, the county charged the city \$1,000 even though the city sold the property to the county for \$1.00. Mayor Corey advised he read an article in the paper that the county wants \$125,000 for the property, which will be used to solve the county's budget problem.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Councilperson Mehig stated the council would be working on Judy Horton's float on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the commercial building. Mayor Corey advised the council needs to be at the Shiawassee Street School at 6:00 p.m. on Friday.

Councilperson Johnson reminded council about the ambulance party on Saturday night at the Dog and Gun Club.

Mayor Corey reminded everyone to get their tickets for the community party. He advised the city had a concern about how the middle school and high school kids from the third ward would get to school with the bridge closed. The school district currently only bus the elementary school kids from that area so he talked to John Smith and the school district is only working on that situation. Mayor Corey further advised there was talk about the school busses going down Ferry Street, which is one of the city's major streets, to Margaret Street or Cary Street to Oak Street. The city might want to do a traffic control order for that area to prohibit parking on either side of the street from January until school is out. He also advised there is a weight restriction, which the city would probably do an exception for the school busses. Mayor Corey thanked Councilperson Runyan for his Santa donation and the fire department for putting up the Christmas decorations at the courthouse.

Councilperson Mehig advised the December fire board meeting has been canceled.

Mr. Sawyer played a video tape of the Crestview and Ridgeview Street sewer system that was taken during the sewer taping and cleaning process.

ADJOURN: Mehig moved, Sanderson seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehig, Lantis, Runyan, Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:53 p.m.

STEVE COREY, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK